

To whom it may concern,

I would like to express my displeasure with the process that has unfolded to get high speed internet the " last mile ". For the last 5 years I have been self employed and while my job allows me to work from home the type of work I perform (using a VPN) doesn't now allow me to do so using satellite service. Because of this I have been forced to rent and office which with utilities cost me roughly \$665.00 per month putting a strain on my finances as a start up company.

Over the years Comcast has deemed providing service to my home not profitable for THEM so they continued to deny our requests to extend lines to serve our homes. Why would we reward a company who puts profits before essential need. Comcast is now willing to serve SOME additional homes by using taxpayers money to build out service where it is profitable for them. Imagine for just a minute if we were talking about phone service. What would happen if AT & T told people that they weren't going to supply phone service to large areas of town because it wasn't profitable ??? Wouldn't state or federal government step in to resolve this to ensure that every household had an essential service like a telephone ? Flash forward to today and what we are talking about is an essential service that is necessary in every household for anything from homework for my kids to my supporting my family by way of my job. I think its inexcusable that we allow Comcast to post record profits and huge financial packages for its CEO and in the same breath allow them to tell us they wont or they cant provide service to unserved areas of town.

Matrix has developed a plan that has been vetted by the town of Montague and its people and determined to be the best fit for ALL the towns taxpayers. I would ask that you consider the due diligence put forth by our board to ensure that this program will work for our town and consider what we all want is a plan that will work long term. Its not in our best interest to take Comcasts patchwork plan and allow the MBI to award the contract to them. After all I think the "Last Mile" should truly apply to all and not just those homes that are profitable to serve for Comcast.

Please allow Matrix to serve the majority and award them the contract and to that end actually go the Last Mile.

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